

CA-010-020 Black Mountain
(Map 01-Q)

I. PHYSICAL BOUNDARIES

The unit is located east of Santa Margarita and is adjacent to the Black Mountain RARE II Area of the Los Padres National Forest.

II. LAND OWNERSHIP

The unit contains 150 acres. It consists entirely of public land and adjoins the Black Mountain RARE II Area which has been designated by the Forest Service for further planning.

III. DESCRIPTION OF ENVIRONMENT

The unit consists of low rolling, rounded hills supporting a dense chaparral cover type.

IV. NATURAL CONDITION

The unit has retained its primeval influence and character and generally appears to have been affected primarily by natural forces. The imprint of man's work remains substantially unnoticeable.

V. OUTSTANDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOLITUDE OR A PRIMITIVE AND UNCONFINED TYPE OF RECREATION

The unit's size, low vegetative characteristics, and limited topographical variation limit opportunities for solitude as well as primitive recreational opportunities. However, in conjunction with the Black Mountain RARE II Area, outstanding opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined types of recreation may exist.

VI. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

Most comments regarding this unit supported the Bureau findings. One comment pointed out the existence of a transmission line on the southern border of the unit. This transmission line was noted during inventory, but has not been considered as an impact to the natural character due to its location outside the Wilderness Study Area. One comment addressed potential oil and gas reserves in the unit. This potential will be considered during the Study Phase.